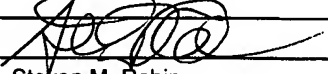


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method of the same, and steering rack using  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed October 2, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment Document (and Recordation Form Cover Sheet) and Part 2 Copy of Notice.

Please charge our Credit Card in the amount of \$40.00 covering the Recordation of Assignment fee. Credit Card Payment Form SB-2038, with a signature from an authorized cardholder, is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, under Order No. AI-394NP.

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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 11/25/2005
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- Preliminary Amendments filed on 11/25/2005
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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